Jane Austen’s Web Quest

Objective: Learn more the life about the author of Jane Austen and about her novels that she wrote.

Overall Directions: Follow each set of individual directions of how to get to the part to answer the questions below the directions.



Directions: Once at the website http://www.janeausten.org, scroll down and click on “Life Timeline.”

1. Where was Jane Austen born?

**Steventon Rectory**

1. Who tried to have Jane Austen published? Explain the whole situation.

**In November of 1797, Jane Austen’s father tried to get Thomas Cadell to publish one of her books, but Thomas refused.**

1. In 1801, who decided to move the family?

**George Austen (Jane Austen’s father)**

1. Who died on Jane Austen’s twenty-ninth birthday?

**Madam Lefroy, a friend and a mentor**

1. Who died a little over a month later on January 21?

**Jane Austen’s father**

1. Do you think her father’s death had an impact on her and why?

**By reading all her father had done for her, it seems it would have a huge impact on her life.**

Directions: Please go to http://www.jasna.org. On the left side of the screen, click on “Jane Austen” and then click on “Jane Austen’s Works.”

1. What six novels captivate readers today?

**Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Northanger Abbey, Mansfield Park, Emma, and Persuasion**

1. What was the original name of *Sense and Sensibility* and when was it written?

**Elinor and Marianne was written in 1795.**

1. When was Sense and Sensibility accepted for publication?

**1810**

1. What book was originally named *First Impressions*?

**Pride and Prejudice**

1. What novel did Jane not finish?

**Sandition**

1. What year was *Mansfield Park* published and *Emma* began?

**1814**

Directions: Please go to http://www.jasa.net.au/jabiog.htm.

1. What was one of Jane Austen’s favorite activities, which often times showed up in her novels?

**Dancing**

1. How did Jane Austen feel about moving from Hampshire to Bath?

**She wasn’t very happy because she enjoyed the country and had friends in Hampshire.**

1. Was Jane Austen ever engaged, if so, to whom, and when was the wedding?

**She was engaged to Mr. Harris Bigg-Withers, but she changed her mind and denied the engagement later.**

1. Where did Jane Austen move in July of 1809 and why?

**Jane moved to Edward’s permanent home on the Chawton Estate.**

1. Did Jane accomplish a lot at this home and why?

**Yes, she did because it had a nice garden and was a comfortable home.**

1. What disease had Jane contracted and did it kill her? When and where?

**Addison’s disease, which is tubercular disease of the kidneys and it, did eventually kill her on July 18, 1817 in Winchester.**

Directions: Please go to http://www.austen.com/novels.htm. Then answer the questions.

1. When was Jane Austen’s first major novel written and which one? Was this her first published novel then?

**Northanger Abbey in 1789-1799 and no it wasn’t her first novel published.**

1. What was Jane Austen’s first novel to be published then?

**Sense and Sensibility**

1. When did *Mansfield Park* be released into the public? What was the main theme throughout the novel?

**May 4, 1814 and it is about appearances and reality and the education of children**

1. Who was *Emma* dedicated to and why was it dedicated?

**Royal Highness and it was suggested by a member of the Prince Regent’s household.**

Now click on “A Biographical Notice of the Author.”

1. Who wrote this about Jane Austen?

**Her brother, Henry Austen**

1. What was the only thing Jane Austen wanted at the end of her life?

**“I want nothing but death.”**

Directions: Please go to http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\_figures/austen\_ jane.shtml.

1. What classes did Jane Austen’s book focus on?

**Middle and Upper Classes**

1. What are Jane Austen novels known for?

**Wit, social observations, and insights of 19th Century woman**

1. When was Jane Austen born?

**December 16, 1775**

1. How big was Jane Austen’s family?

**Eight Children plus her father and mother**

1. What did Jane Austen refer to *Pride and Prejudice* as?

**“Own Darling Child.”**

1. What was Jane Austen’s published name?

**She remained anonymous.**

Directions: Please go to http://www.janeaustensoci.freeuk.com/index.htm. On the left side of the screen, click on “Biography”.

1. The trips to where (two places) gave way to the settings of the last two books?

**Kent and Bath**

1. What gave background information for *Persuasion*?

**Holidays in the seaside resort in West County and Lyme Regis in Dorset**

1. Why did Jane Austen move with her family to Winchester?

**She moved to be closer to medical personal when she became ill.**

1. Where was Jane Austen buried?

**North Aisle of Winchester Cathedral**

1. Had Jane Austen’s work even been out of print? If not, why not?

**No her novels never went out of print, because of her style with lots of wit and irony.**

1. Who made a portrait of Jane Austen in 1810?

**Her sister, Cassandra**

Directions: Please go to http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/austen/austen.html.

1. What was Jane Austen’s father profession?

**He was a Clergyman.**

1. Who destroyed much of Jane Austen’s letters after her death?

**Her sister Cassandra**

1. What lead to a much better education than what most other females would have got during Jane Austen’s time?

**Jane Austen read out her father’s library of 500 books.**

1. Did Jane Austen’s family anticipate her to be a published writer?

**No!**

1. When did Jane Austen begin write?

**15 years old**

1. Do we know much about Jane Austen’s love life and how she felt about life in general?

**No we do not know a lot about her love life.**

Directions: Please go to http://www.victorianweb.org/previctorian/austen/austenov.html. Click on “Biography”, then “Biography” again.

1. How did Jane Austen’s father supplement his income?

**He farmed.**

1. What happened with Jane Austen’s most serious relationship?

**Rev. Blackall died right before their engagement.**

1. How long before she died, did Addison Disease affect her?

**In 1816, the year before her death**

Now go back one page and click on the second bullet, “Chronology.”

1. Two novels were published after her death, which one and in what years?

**In 1818, and Northanger Abbey and Persuasion**

1. Where did the family move in 1806? Why?

**Southampton because her father died**

Now go back to the home page and click on “Religion”, and then on the first bullet, “Jane Austen and Religion”.

1. Would you say religion played a part in Jane Austen’s novels?

**Yes, possibly because it is calm, rational often times, and appears there are moral throughout the novels.**